

FAQs – Command Sponsorships

Q: Do I have to command sponsor my newborn child if my spouse is already Command Sponsored?

A: No. Child(ren) born to Command Sponsored dependents are automatically Command Sponsored at birth (AE Sup 1 to AR 55-46, Paragraph 1-15 F).

Q: Can I get Command Sponsorship if I am a single Soldier who is pregnant?

A: Yes. You may request Command Sponsorship for housing purposes during your 3rd trimester of pregnancy. Once your child is born, you must request a new Command Sponsorship for your child.

Q: We are a dual military couple. Can one child be Command Sponsored under me and another under my spouse?

A: No. Only one parent can Command Sponsor all children.

Q: My spouse was previously married and I am NOT the biological parent of our child(ren). Can I still Command Sponsor them?

A: Yes, BUT you must have a court order granting full legal and physical custody of the child(ren). In the case of foreign court orders, all court orders must be from the country of origin and be translated into English. The court order must state that the Soldier or Soldier's current spouse is granted permanent custody.

Q: I have a notarized statement from my ex-spouse saying it is okay for me to take my child(ren). Can I Command Sponsor them?

A: Notarized statements or Power of Attorneys will not suffice for a Command Sponsorship. Custody must be granted by a Court.

Q: I am not the biological parent of my spouse's child(ren), and he/she was never married to the other biological parent. Can I Command Sponsor the child(ren)?

A: If your Spouse was never married to the other biological parent, a sworn statement drafted by the Legal Office stating he/she was never married to the other biological parent and that he/she has always had physical custody of the child(ren) is required; this statement automatically makes your spouse the sole legal guardian of the child(ren).

Q: I have custody of my child(ren) during the summer months. Can I Command Sponsor them?

A: No. The child(ren) must be placed under the Soldier's custody for at least 12 months. Custody for less than 12 months or seasonal custody (i.e. summer, school breaks, joint custody visitation) does not qualify for Command Sponsorship.

Q: My Command Sponsorship was approved, and I have submitted my 4001 Travel Request. How do I get my family to Germany?

A: You must sign for quarters at the Housing Office and they will give you a travel order for your family. You must contact the US Army Z-Trak office that is closest to where your dependents are located to arrange travel. Also, if you are shipping household goods or a POV, you may contact the Transportation Office on post to arrange for pickup and delivery.

Q: The Soldier does not have enough time left to serve a 36-month tour. Is there any way to get an exception to policy?

A: Soldiers who are unwilling or unable to serve a 36-month tour will not be authorized Command Sponsorship. This is a requirement and cannot be waived.